PUBLIC NOTICE

The Office of Administration and Transformation of Human Resources for the Government of Puerto Rico (OATRH, for its Spanish acronym), pursuant to Section 4, Section 4.3 (e) of Act No. 8-2017, as amended, known as the "Government of Puerto Rico Human Resources Administration & Transformation Act ", to comply with Article 17 of Act No. of April 22, 1988, known as "Act to prevent sexual harassment in employment", and with Section 2.1 of Act No. 38-2017, as amended, known as the "Uniform Administrative Procedure Act of the Government of Puerto Rico", notifies its intention to adopt the following regulation:

REGULATIONS FOR THE APPLICATION OF ACT NO. 82-2022 ON INVESTIGATIONS IN PUBLIC AGENCIES FOR SEXUAL HARASSMENT COMPLAINTS

This regulation is adopted with the purpose of establishing the regulations and procedures in compliance with Act No. 17 of April 22, 1988, as amended, known as "Act to Prohibit Sexual Harassment in Employment", Article 17, which orders the personnel in charge of addressing sexual harassment matters in each government agency where the alleged events constituting sexual harassment occurred to refer said information to the agency assigned by the OATRH to carry out the investigation of the afore mentioned events. Said statute also orders the OATRH to promulgate the afore mentioned regulation. In compliance with said legal mandate, the OATRH adopts this regulation to establish the processes for the presentation, assignment and delegation of investigations of complaints for sexual harassment in employment for the agencies and dependencies of the Government of Puerto Rico.

A copy of the proposed regulation will be available for review during working days (Monday thru Friday), from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., at our offices, located in the Zequeira Building, Ponce de León Avenue, Vela St. Number 6, Hato Rey, Puerto Rico.

Within thirty (30) days of the publication of this notice, all interested parties may: 1) submit their written comments to our office; 2) send them to the attention of Marcos Javier Andrade Ravelo, Esq., Principal Attorney, OATRH, PO Box 8476, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00910-8476; or 3) send their comments to the following e-mail address: reglamento@oatrh.pr.gov. An oral hearing may be requested in writing within five (5) days of the publication of this notice. The written request for an oral hearing must indicate the grounds that, in the opinion of the applicant, make it necessary to grant it.

Copy of this notice and the proposed regulation can be obtained through our website: oatrh.pr.gov.

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